
COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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IMPORTANT/NEW COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- Public Health Emergency Declaration Impacts on the COVID-19 Response
- Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services (Cms) Public Health Emergency Update

Moderna Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration

Moderna monovalent products for individuals aged 6 and older are set to expire in early April 2023. Moderna is not seeking additional shelf-life extensions for these products.

Moderna adult (12 years of age and older) and pediatric (6-11 years of age) monovalent COVID-19 requested on the March Vaccine Survey will have expiration dates of early April.

Healthcare providers will need to order alternative vaccines from Pfizer (ages 5-11 years and 12 years of age and older) and Novavax (aged 12 and older) for individuals seeking monovalent, primary series vaccines after expiration of these vaccines.

In anticipation of the upcoming expiration of Moderna's monovalent vaccines for people ages 6 and older, providers should be aware that depending on the date of the first Moderna dose, the same product may not be available to complete the primary series. In this case, a different COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to complete the primary series at a minimum interval of 28 days from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose. Please read [CDC guidance on interchanging COVID-19 vaccines](#). Monovalent vaccines produced by Pfizer (ages 5-11 years and 12 years of age and older) and Novavax (ages 12 and older) remain to begin and complete primary series.

In summary:

- All Moderna adult (12 years of age and older) and pediatric (6-11 years of age) monovalent COVID-19 vaccines will expire in early April.
- Moderna is not seeking a shelf-life extension for these vaccines.
- Healthcare providers should be mindful of patients starting a primary series with Moderna adult (12 years of age and older) or pediatric (6-11 years of age) monovalent vaccines. Depending on the date, healthcare providers may not be able to complete the primary series with this product.

In this case, a different COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to complete the primary series at a minimum interval of 28 days from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose.

- Pfizer (ages 5-11 years and 12 years of age and older) and Novavax (aged 12 and older) monovalent vaccines remain available for ordering for primary series vaccination.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE

[On Jan. 30, 2023, the Biden Administration announced](#) its intent to end the national emergency and public health emergency (PHE) declarations on May 11, 2023, related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Importantly, the ending of the public health emergency declared by HHS under the Public Health Service Act will not impact FDA's ability to authorize vaccines for emergency use. Existing emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for products will remain in effect and the agency may continue to issue new EUAs going forward when criteria for issuance are met. Additional information regarding the transition forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency can be found on the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) website.

COVID-19 Vaccine for People with Medicare

- People with Medicare coverage will continue to have access to COVID-19 vaccinations without cost sharing after the end of the PHE.

COVID-19 Vaccine for People with Medicaid

- As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), states must provide Medicaid coverage without cost sharing for COVID-19 vaccinations through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 PHE. If the COVID-19 PHE ends as expected on May 11, 2023, this coverage requirement will end on September 30, 2024.

COVID-19 Vaccine for People with Private Health Insurance

- Most forms of private health insurance must continue to cover COVID-19 vaccines furnished by an in-network health care provider without cost sharing. People with private health insurance may need to pay part of the cost if an out-of-network provider vaccinates them.